

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING MINUTES**

DATE: June 23-24, 2005

TIME: 9:00 am Both Days

LOCATION: The Westin Los Angeles Airport
5400 W. Century Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90045

PRESENT: Sandra Erickson, CRNA, President
LaFrancine Tate, Public Member, Vice President (Absent 6/24/05)
Carmen Morales-Board, MSN, RN, NP
Cynthia Johnson, EdD, RN
Grace Corse, RN
Jill Furillo, RN
Orlando H. Pile, M.D. (Absent 6/24/05)

NOT PRESENT: Isabella Guzman, Public Member (Absent both days)
Mary Hayashi, MBA, Public Member (Absent both days)

ALSO PRESENT: Ruth Ann Terry, MPH, RN, Executive Officer
Susan Brank, Assistant Executive Officer
Heidi Goodman, Manager, Licensee & Administrative Services
Louisa Gomez, Manager, Licensing Standards & Evaluation; Advanced Practice
Elliot Hochberg, Manager, Enforcement Program
Louise Bailey, MEd, RN, Supervising NEC
Janette Wackerly, MBA, RN, NEC
Katie Daugherty, MN, RN, NEC
Kay Weinkam, MS, RN, NEC
Carol Bell, MA, RN, NEC
Maria Bedroni, EdD, MN, RN, NP, Supervising NEC
Miyo Minato, MN, RN, NEC
Grace Arndt, MSN, RN, NEC
Badrieh Caraway, RN, MS, Med, NEC
Carol Mackay, RN, NEC
David B. Rosenman, Administrative Law Judge
Art Taggert, Supervising Deputy Attorney General (via phone 6/23/05)
Sharon Cohen, Deputy Attorney General
Albert Balingit, Legal Counsel
Christina Sprigg, Enforcement Program
Eleanor Calhoun, Recording Secretary

Thursday, June 23, 2005

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

S. Erickson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:10 am and had the Board members introduce themselves. The Board welcomed students from DeAnza College, and San Jose State University.

2.0 DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

The Board convened in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3) to deliberate on disciplinary matters including but not limited to those listed on the agenda, and pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(1,2(A)) to confer with Legal Counsel regarding pending litigation.

Reinstatements

CORREIA, Dawn Chere	GRANTED, 7 years probation
EDU, Josephine Kerezu	DENIED
ERNST, Laura Lee	GRANTED, 3 years probation
FINNIGAN, IV, John Joseph	GRANTED, 5 years probation
MCCOLM, Paula J.	DENIED
RUJA, Judith A.	GRANTED, 3 years probation
YAMAMOTO, Margaret Frances	GRANTED, 5 years probation

Closed Session Discussion Items

S. Erickson, Board President, called the closed session meeting to order at 1:20 pm. The closed session adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Friday, June 24, 2005

S. Erickson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:04 am, and had the Board members introduce themselves. The agenda was reordered in order to ensure that a quorum of Board members was available for voting purposes.

3.0 OPEN FORUM

11.0 REPORT OF THE NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE

G. Corse, Chairperson

- 11.1 Accept/Not Accept: Update/Revision of Advisory: Practice of the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.
L. Bailey and R. Terry presented this report

The Executive Officer, Ruth Ann Terry MPH, RN has had dialog with stakeholders that include the California Association of Nurse Anesthetists, California Hospital Association, Association of Nurse Leaders, Department of Health Services, Center for Medicare Services and a lobby group for Anesthesiologist to clarify scope of practice of California Certified Nurse Anesthetist.

At the Nursing Practice Committee's last meeting, the position statement was revised to make additions for clarity. Originally, the statement was on the Board's website. Subsequent to it being placed on the website we received requests for clarification. In addition JCAHO modified some of its rules, which created a need for the Board to remove the position statement from the website until clarification could be provided.

The Board met with the Department, the California Anesthesiologist, the Medical Board, and the California Association of Nurse Anesthetist reviewing the position statement and to provide clarity. The two overriding issues were 1) Supervision, and 2) the term "licensed independent practitioner".

A draft of the policy was available for Board member review; however, the Board's legal counsel did not have the opportunity to fully review the position statement. The Board will continue to take action and upon review of our legal counsel and the department, if there are any modifications, the Board will be informed.

Comments:

A. Balingit, Legal Counsel for the Board of Registered Nursing made the following statement: The legal office has not had the opportunity to extensively review the position statement, therefore, there may be some legal issues pointed out to the Board upon review.

MSC: Morales-Board/Erickson that the Board approve the draft advisory: Practice of the Certified Nurse Anesthetist. 5/0/0

- 11.2 Support/Not Support: California State Board of Education Program Advisory on Medication Administration
G. Nibbs presented this report

On May 12, 2005, the State Board of Education (SBE) adopted the "Program Advisory on Medication Administration", which was provided to Board members for review. Although the advisory provides "non-binding guidance", it does establish statewide standards for the safe administration of medications in public schools and should be a valuable resource for school nurses. A key provision, which is consistent with the standard of practice in other settings and with the BRN's position, addresses the issue of administration of medications by unlicensed personnel and reads in pertinent part:

"The unlicensed staff member does not administer medications that must be administered by injection, medications that have potential for immediate severe adverse reactions, or medications that require a nursing assessment or dosage adjustment before administration, except for emergency medications as allowed by law." (Section IV. Persons Authorized to Administer Medication at School, subsection B2d, page 7)

The advisory was developed pursuant to section 611, California Code of Regulations, Title 5, "Administering Medication to Students or Otherwise

Assisting Students in the Administration of Medication During the Regular School Day.” Education Code section 49423.6 mandated development of regulations for medication administration in schools; their development and adoption was a lengthy and tumultuous process in which the BRN was actively involved. BRN staff participated on the California Department of Education (CDE) Medication Committee that drafted proposed regulations that were extensively revised by the SBE prior to promulgation. The BRN submitted written testimony in opposition to sections of the SBE regulations because they did not comply with Office of Administrative Law standards for proposed regulations, nor did they adequately ensure the health and safety of students who require medications at school.

The regulations were amended, but as adopted, still left unresolved a number of critical issues related to medication administration. The SBE advisory addresses many of the issues and incorporates much of the work of the CDE Medication Committee. The plan is to place the advisory on the CDE Web site for use by local education agencies and individuals who have responsibility for medication administration.

MSC: Erickson/Johnson that the Board support the California State Board of Education Program Advisory on Medication Administration. 5/0/0

4.0 APPROVE/NOT APPROVE MINUTES OF April 14-15, 2005 Board Meeting
Minutes approved as printed.

MSC: Corse/Johnson that the Board approve minutes from the April 14-15, 2005 Board meeting minutes as printed. 5/0/0

5.0 REPORT ON BOARD MEMBERS’ ACTIVITIES

C. Morales-Board attended Cal State University Bakersfield Budget Town Hall meeting speaking on behalf of nurse educators.

6.0 EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT ON BOARD AND DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

S. Brank presented this report

1.0 Board’s Budget Update

Budget Hearings - The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 was held on May 10, 2005, and Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4 was held on May 11, 2005. The Board was originally scheduled to appear at both hearings due to the Diversion’s Spring Finance Letter (SFL), however; the SFL was placed on the consent calendar and was approved by both houses and the Board was not required to attend either hearing. The SFL provides the Board with a \$168,000 increase in the Diversion (C&P External) budget for FY 2005/06 and ongoing.

2.0 Regulation Update

The Office of Administrative Law approved the Public Health Nursing Regulation, California Code of Regulation Section 1491 and it became effective on June 12, 2005.

3.0 Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Updates

New Offices Created - Due to operational needs within DCA, the Communications and Education Division within DCA was split into two new offices. The publications workload that includes writing, editing, design and development was transferred to the Policy and Publications Development Office, headed by Sonja Merold. The Public Affairs office will handle all other areas of communication for the department and will be headed by Russ Heimerich.

Move Update - Based on the latest information, the Board is slated to relocate during December 2005. The building lease was signed and Prison Industry Authority is the modular furniture vendor. The department held several tenant meetings with the project coordinators to address move strategies, handling surplus property, record management and establishing contracts to move office copiers. Additionally, the department-wide transportation survey was sent out to all employers and the responses were due May 23, 2005. The Board is awaiting the results of the survey, since many of our staff are affected by the relocation and the availability of public transportation to the new location.

4.0 Temporary Licenses

The Board issued an average of 91 temporary licenses at our front counter during January through May 2005 with the highest month being January 2005 with 128 temporary licenses being issued. Since the beginning of June 2005, the Board has issued over 230 temporary licenses at the Board's public counter. If this rate continues we could potentially issue over 400 temporary licenses this month. This is an ongoing workload for the Board that may require current procedures be reviewed, if the workload continues at this rate.

5.0 Personnel

The following personnel changes have transpired since the last Board Meeting:

<u>New Hires</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Board Program</u>
Jennifer Scambler	Office Assistant	Office Support
Le'Shell Thompson	Office Assistant	Office Support
Elizabeth Byers	Office Technician	Administration
Alvin Abaya	Key Data Operator	Licensing Support
<u>Promotions</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Board Program</u>
Monica Sage	Office Technician	Cashiering

<u>Separations</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Board Program</u>
Teresa Crandall	Key Data Operator	Licensing
Jennifer Tovar	Office Technician	Cashiering
Robert Garcia Jr.	Office Technician	Licensee Support
Taua Faaiu	Office Technician	Licensing

7.0 REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

S. Erickson, Chairperson

7.1 Information Only: Activities of the Education Advisory Committee

C. Mackay presented this report

On February 18, 2005, the BRN reconvened the Education Advisory Committee with new members to advise the Board on implementation of AB 2839 (Daucher). This bill requires the Board to establish or use an existing committee to encourage and facilitate transfer agreements or other enrollment models between associate degree and baccalaureate degree nursing programs. The committee was also charged to make recommendations to the Board's annual nursing education program survey.

Several major activities occurred prior to the first meeting of the Committee. In a joint public/private partnership, the BRN and the California Institute for Nursing & Health Care (CINHC) wrote a grant proposal for the Betty Irene Moore Initiative to fund the development, testing and evaluation of a new consolidated online survey to use for the BRN's annual survey of nursing education programs. This new survey tool will be designed to meet the data needs of multiple agencies and will provide for online entry by the schools. (This is actually phase one of a two-phase project. In the second phase, a robust data management system will be developed to provide online access and analysis by authorized users.) The grant proposal was funded for \$106,000. A research firm, MGT of America located in Sacramento, was retained to develop the survey tool and to evaluate the effectiveness of the tool. During this time, a consultant was also retained to analyze all existing nursing education program surveys (BRN, HASC, CINHC, CCCCCO, Moore Foundation, NLN and AACN), and then to develop recommendations for the Education Advisory Committee.

The first meeting of the Education Advisory Committee was a two-day event held in Sacramento on May 3-4, 2005. During the meeting the Committee received reports on articulation and innovative education models from the California State University and the Community College systems, Sacramento City College and College of the Canyons. The majority of the time was spent discussing, defining and identifying data elements for the new consolidated survey tool.

Following the meeting, staff prepared a report, with input from the committee members, identifying all the data elements for the new survey tool. From this report, MGT of America will prepare the first draft of the online survey to present to the Committee at its next meeting on July 12, 2005.

The Community College Chancellor's Office provided funds for the first meeting of the Education Advisory Committee and for the analysis by a consultant of all existing nursing education program surveys. The Nursing Education Partnership Grant will fund the remaining meetings and all activities related to development of the survey tool.

7.2 Information Only: Update on the Nursing Shortage

S. Brank presented this report

Nursing workforce issues continue to be a demanding area for the Board. Activities since the last board meeting are described below.

Annual School Report. As described in the prior agenda item, the Education Advisory Committee worked May 3-4 to develop an updated, online Annual School Survey.

Portland Nursing Workforce Conference. S. Brank, Assistant Executive Officer, attended this national conference April 28-30. Thirty states have Nursing Workforce Centers, and most of them attended and presented valuable information on best practices related to: retention and workplace redesign, innovation in nursing education, use of clinical simulation, clinical placement strategies, funding approaches for expanding the workforce, and research and planning. California was well represented by Myrna Allen, American Nurses Association, California, and Deloras Jones, Executive Director for the California Institute of Nursing and Health Care. Deloras is one of the founding members of the National Steering Committee for nurse workforce centers.

Senate Briefing. On May 25, R. Terry and S. Brank provided a 2-½ hour briefing to consultants in the Office of the Senate Pro Tempore, at their request. Information about the role of the BRN, education reforms that are underway, current nursing workforce data, historical efforts to address the shortage, and other issues, was provided. Dr. Louis Vismara has a strong interest in this issue, and is thoroughly researching the topic for Senator Perata, along with the Senate Office of Research. The Senator's office is organizing a meeting on June 28 in Oakland to talk with colleges and others about perspectives and solutions.

Other Inquiries. BRN staff responded to requests for in-depth information from Administration and Legislative representatives on the following topics: clinical simulation labs, use of RN Education Fund for RN faculty scholarships and loan forgiveness, and use of a Song-Brown model for designated funding for RN education slots.

UC Office of the President. R. Terry participated in a meeting called by the University of California Office of the President in Oakland on May 6. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss methods for community colleges, state universities, and the UC systems to work jointly to address the nursing shortage.

Community College Curriculum Model. L. Bailey participated on the Community College Chancellor's Office's Advisory Curriculum Model Committee for over one year. On May 26 she attended the final advisory committee meeting. The curriculum model is projected to be published by September 2005.

California Institute for Nursing and Health Care. R. Terry attended the Institute's board meeting on June 1 and, on June 8-9, she facilitated training for the Diversity Component of the Master Plan for the RN Workforce, an effort that is funded by the Wellness Foundation. L. Bailey participated as a member of the Advisory Committee for Development of the Diversity Component of the Master Plan, developed by CINHC, on June 15.

UCSF Workforce Projection Report. As part of its mandate to collect and analyze nurse workforce data, the Board of Registered Nursing contracted with the University of California, San Francisco, to produce a report, "Forecasts of the Registered Nurse Workforce in California," dated June 7, 2005.

In summary, the report found that the estimated full-time equivalent number of RNs per 100,000 in California has risen from 454 in year 2000 to 539 in 2005. Thus, the supply has risen when compared to the population in the past year. However, the growth rate of the supply of RNs is not projected to keep up with the growth rate of the population in the future. Currently, the shortage of RNs is estimated at between 6,872 and 21,161 FTEs. By 2030, the shortage is estimated to be between 99,945 and 122,223 FTEs. Traveling RNs were estimated to fill 4,408 FTE jobs in 2004, which helped to partially fill the shortage. Traveler FTEs were not included in the projection model for the ongoing supply of RNs since they are temporary RNs with out-of-state addresses. The report concluded that the only plausible solution to the RN shortage appears to be continued efforts to increase the number of graduates from California nursing programs.

A constructive feature of the study is the availability of an Excel workbook tool that allows readers to modify data assumptions and evaluate the effect on the projected shortage.

It was noted that there was an error in the report when it was first released, and although the error was identified and corrected within 24 hours, it did cause concern and confusion, unfortunately. Initially, UCSF reported that the number of RNs per capita declined instead of increasing. The author expressed regret that she had erred in comparing the number of full-time equivalents RNs in California in 2005 to the total number employed (instead of FTE) in 2000. The correction of the number did not have any effect on any of the other numbers in the report, so the projected shortages, etc., remained the same.

7.3 Information Only: 2005 Strategic Plan

On May 19, 2005, Board Members and Executive Staff participated in a Strategic Planning Workshop that was facilitated by Karin Bloomer, Director, Western Region of MGT of America, Inc. A copy of the 2005 Strategic Plan was distributed to Board members for review.

8.0 REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

S. Erickson for L. Tate, Chairperson

8.1 Information Only: Adopt/Modify Positions on Bills of Interest to the Board

L. Bailey presented this report

AB 232 Arambula: Community Colleges: Registered Nursing Programs

MSC: Furillo/Corse that the Board support AB 232. 5/0/0

AB 446 Negrete McLeod: License Settlement Agreements

MSC: Johnson/Furillo that the Board support, if amended AB 446, if amended. 5/0/0

AB 657 Karnette: Pharmacies: Prescription Containers: Labels

MSC: Johnson/Furillo that the Board support AB 657. 5/0/0

AB 1280 Maze: Public postsecondary education: baccalaureate degree completion programs in rural counties

MSC: Corse/Furillo that the Board support AB 1280. 5/0/0

AB 1667 Saldana: Public Health: Individuals With Exceptional Needs

MSC: Furillo/Johnson that the Board support AB 1667. 5/0/0

AB 1711 Strickland: Health Facilities: Immunizations

MSC: Furillo/Johnson that the Board oppose AB 1711. 5/0/0

SB 614 Figueroa: Certified Nurse-Midwives

MSC: Furillo/Corse that the Board support SB 614. 5/0/0

SB 724 Scott: California State University: doctoral degrees

MSC: Johnson/Corse that the Board support SB 724. 5/0/0

SB 734 Torlakson: Controlled Substances

MSC: Corse/Morales-Board that the Board watch SB 734. 5/0/0

SB 796 Figueroa: State Government Operation Accountability

MSC: Erickson/Johnson that the Board watch SB 796. 5/0/0

SB 1111 Figueroa: Professions and Vocations

MSC: Johnson/Furillo that the Board support SB 1111. 5/0/0

9.0 REPORT OF THE DIVERSION/DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

J. Furillo for L. Tate, Chairperson

9.1 Information Only: Enforcement Program Update and Statistics

E. Hochberg presented this report

Update

Board staff worked collaboratively with Division of Investigation staff and the Enforcement Program Deputy Attorney General liaison in developing training modules for the Division of Investigation (DOI) investigators.

The training will take place in Southern California at Golden West Community College on November 7th through 9th, and the Northern California training will be at the Department of Insurance Building in downtown Sacramento on December 6th through 8th.

Statistics

The Enforcement Program Statistics for the first ten months of fiscal year 2004-2005 (July 2004 through April 2005) were provided for review.

Projections indicate that the number of complaints received will be higher than the record set last fiscal year (3,212 compared to 2,993). Licensee disciplinary actions are projected to exceed all prior fiscal years, as well. Applicant disciplinary actions are projected to be substantially higher than all prior fiscal years.

For licensees, stipulated agreements are projected to far exceed the number of decisions reached through administrative hearings and default decisions combined (197 stipulated agreements compared to 138 administrative hearings and default decisions combined).

Due to budget constraints, the filing of new pleadings at the Attorney General's Office has decreased, and priority has been placed on older cases.

The Board will continue to monitor statistics, with special emphasis on activity by the AG and Division of Investigation on the large number of cases in process and under investigation during fiscal year 2004-2005.

9.2 Information Only: Probation Program Update and Statistics

L. Kawano presented this report

The current statistics for the Probation Program are as follows:

<u>MALE</u>	101
<u>FEMALE</u>	313
<u>CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CASES</u>	236
<u>PRACTICE CASES</u>	178
<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>	221
<u>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</u>	193
<u>PENDING AT THE AG</u>	33
<u>ADVANCED CERTIFICATES</u>	39
TOTAL IN-STATE PROBATIONERS	414

Comments: T. Hunter, ANAC

9.3 Information Only: Diversion Program Update and Statistics

L. Kawano presented this report

Update

A Diversion Liaison Committee meeting was held on April 28, 2005, in Los Angeles. The Committee is comprised of the Chairperson of the DDC, BRN staff, the Chairs of each Diversion Evaluation Committee, two Nurse Support Group Facilitators representing the North and South, and contractor staff.

The following significant issues were discussed: dire need for a meeting with all Nurse Support Group Facilitators to ensure that facilitation of meetings is consistent, and that the proper information is being disseminated, a commitment was made by staff to coordinate this meeting; a presentation by the drug testing company regarding ETG urine testing results as proof of alcohol consumption by participants; contractor presentation regarding their internal processes as it relates to handling relapses and discussions with DEC consultants; DEC member absences will be more closely monitored by staff, frequent absences cause disruption for participants and affect the quorum required for DEC decisions; history and profile documents will be streamlined to avoid DEC members having to carry huge amounts of paper to the DEC meetings; the DEC Chairs report much improvement in contractor performance; two-day DEC meetings continue

to be very stressful for DEC members as they may see up to 25 participants in this two-day period.

Diversion Evaluation Committees (DEC)

There are currently six vacancies as follows: three Public, one Physician and two Registered Nurses. Recruitment efforts continue in an effort to establish a pool of eligible candidates for appointment.

Statistics

The Monthly Statistical Summary Report covering the month of March 2005 was provided for review. As of March 31, 2005, there are 1075 successful completions. There are currently 439 nurses in the diversion program.

9.4 Approve/Not Approve: (a) Diversion Evaluation Committee (DEC) Member Appointments/Reappointments/Transfers (b) Information Only: Diversion Evaluation Committee Member Resignations/Term Expirations

L. Kawano presented this report

In accordance with Section 2770.2 (B&P), the Board of Registered Nursing is responsible for appointing persons to serve on the Diversion Evaluation Committee(s) of its Diversion Program. Each Committee is composed of three registered nurses, a physician and a public member with expertise in chemical dependency and/or mental health.

(a) APPROVE/NOT APPROVE: Diversion Evaluation Committee Member Appointments/ Reappointments/ Transfers

APPOINTMENTS

Below are the names of three candidates who were interviewed and are being recommended for appointment to a Diversion Evaluation Committee (DEC). If appointed, their terms will expire June 30, 2009.

Sharon Fritz	Registered Nurse	Orange County DEC #4
Diana Hamed	Registered Nurse	Orange County DEC #4
Scott Davis	Physician	Palm Springs DEC #6

REAPPOINTMENTS

The following DEC member is requesting a second term appointment. If the appointment is approved, his term will expire on June 30, 2009.

Robert Waltrous	Physician	Ontario DEC #9
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The following DEC members are requesting an extension of their appointments. Both have served two terms and are interested in a one-year extension of their appointment. If approved, their terms will expire June 30, 2006.

Duane Bradford	Public	Palm Springs DEC #6
Elaine Bradley	Registered Nurse	San Diego DEC #10

MSC: Erickson/Johnson that the Board approve the DEC member appointments/reappointments.
5/0/0

(b) INFORMATION ONLY: Diversion Evaluation Committee Member Resignations/Term Expirations

RESIGNATIONS:

Below are the names of two Diversion Evaluation Committee members who have resigned for personal reasons.

Mary Ann Stathis	Public	Ontario DEC #9
Thomas Hunsicker	Registered Nurse	North Central DEC #12

Letters and certificates of appreciation were sent to acknowledge their service to the program.

10.0 REPORT OF THE EDUCATION/LICENSING COMMITTEE

S. Erickson, Chairperson

10.1 Ratify Minor Curriculum Revisions

M. Minato presented this report

According to Board policy, Nursing Education Consultants may approve minor curriculum changes that do not significantly alter philosophy, objectives, or content. Approvals must be reported to the Education/Licensing Committee and the Board.

Minor Curriculum revisions include the following categories:

- Curriculum changes
- Work Study programs
- Preceptor programs
- Public Health Nurse (PHN) certificate programs
- Progress reports that are not related to continuing approval
- Approved Nurse Practitioner program adding a category of specialization

The following programs have submitted minor curriculum revisions that have been approved by the NECs:

- Dominican University of California, Baccalaureate Nursing Program
- Butte College, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Cerritos College, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Chabot College, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- College of the Redwoods, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Evergreen Valley College, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Los Medanos College, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Modesto Junior College, Associate Degree Nursing Program

- Sierra College, Associate Degree Nursing Program

The following programs have submitted a progress report that has been accepted by the NECs:

- Bakersfield College, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- El Camino College, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Grossmont College, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Imperial Valley College, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Los Angeles Harbor College, Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Los Angeles Southwest College, Associate Degree Nursing Program

MSC: Furillo/Johnson that the Board Ratify the Minor Curriculum Revisions. 5/0/0

10.2 Continue/Not Continue Approval of Hartnell College Associate Degree Nursing Program

M. Minato presented this report

Debra Denham, PhD, CNS, RN is the Director of the program.

Hartnell Associate Degree Nursing program is requesting program approval to allow admission of nursing students for the 2005-2006 academic year. The program is now in compliance with Section 1424 (d) sufficient faculty resources to achieve the programs objectives and Section 1424 (h) faculty adequate in type and number to develop and implement the program with qualified instructors in each of the nursing areas listed in 1426 (d) medical-surgical, maternal/child, mental health, psychiatric nursing, and geriatric.

The Hartnell Associate Degree Nursing Program, director, faculty, and school administration have submitted evidence of sufficient faculty to implement the nursing program's curriculum and are in compliance with 1424 (d). The nursing program hired four full time Master's prepared faculty, developed a faculty orientation "Teach the Teacher" plan, identified qualified faculty for the curricular content areas, are implementing a faculty remediation in acute care pediatrics and medical/surgical; and plan an acute care obstetric faculty remediation meeting 1424 (h). The RN-NCLEX for 2003-2004 is 72% (50 first time test takers with 36 passing) The Board approved a major curriculum revision September 12, 2003. The RN-NCLEX for quarter 7/04-9/04 is 79% (29 first time test takers with 23 passing) meeting intent of 1424 (b) (1). The director will be returning to her major role of leadership and management of the nursing program in fall 2005 meeting 1424 (e). The director has been functioning as faculty of record for the spring 2005 semester. The plan is to have an assistant director appointed January 2006 with 2 units of reassigned time to assume responsibilities of the position with 1424 (f) and 1425 (j) pending. The program has previously responded to all the areas of recommendation.

MSC: Corse/Morales-Board that the Board defer action to continue approval of nursing program and to remove warning status. Allow program to admit students beginning Fall 2005 with a progress report and interim site visit due Spring 2006.

10.3 Accept/Not Accept Feasibility Study from San Joaquin Valley College, Visalia Campus, LVN to RN Associate Degree Nursing Program

M. Minato presented this report

Linda Sheehan is the Director of Education, and Sue Smilie-Janecek is the Research Director.

San Joaquin Valley College (SJVC) is a private academic institution offering a Certificate of Completion and Associate of Science degrees in the areas of Health, Business and Technology. SJVC is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. A copy of the feasibility study was provided for review.

The SJVC was first established in April 1977. It has multiple campus locations in Fresno, Visalia, Modesto, Bakersfield and Rancho Cucamonga, in addition to the Aviation Campus in Fresno. This feasibility study is for an LVN-RN Program at its Visalia campus.

In December 2004, SJVC submitted a feasibility study for a LVN to RN Associate Degree Nursing program. This program would target working LVN's who want to pursue the RN degree. The feasibility study described the health needs, age groups, socioeconomic status and current and emerging educational needs of the communities they plan to serve. The program surveyed clinical agencies that are willing to work with them. It included a list of 24 health care facilities (p.65-66), including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, convalescent hospitals, home health agencies, mental health settings, Alzheimer's care, and hospice. Attachments of support letters and Facility Verification forms from these agencies and support letters from mayors of neighboring cities and legislators were included in their feasibility study. The majority of clinical experiences are planned for weekend experiences. It is noted that the hospitals that they affiliate with will provide support to sustain the training program by referring LVN employees, offer clinical sites for clinical experience, provide classroom space for lecture/lab in their facility, provide qualified RN instructors for clinical teaching and supervision of students, and be Advisory Board Members for the LVN to RN Program.

The proposed LVN to RN Program is a two-year program with 15-week semester offered in 20-week term. General studies courses include: Communications (6 units) - English (3 units), Speech (3 units); Sciences (22 units) – Anatomy (4 units), Physiology (4 units), Microbiology (4 units), Chemistry (4 units); Nursing (15 theory/11 clinical = 26 units) – Med-Surg (10 units), Geri / Community (4 units); Psych-Mental Health (4 units), Professional Role (4 units), LVN-RN Bridge (4 units). 10 units of nursing credits will be given for the LVN licensure.

The general courses will be conducted in 5 weeks sessions during the first two terms, while RN programs will be in 10-week rotations in the second year. The program proposes to admit 30 students twice a year. The second cohort group will be admitted when the first group completes their second term. There would be a total of 60 students in the program at one time. The target date for admitting students is January 2006.

SJVC plans to articulate this proposed program with baccalaureate degree programs in the central valley and encourage their graduates to continue to pursue higher degree in nursing.

MSC: Furillo/Johnson that the Board accept the Feasibility study from San Joaquin Valley College, Visalia Campus, LVN to RN ADN program. 5/0/0

10.4 Approve/Not Approve: Guidelines for Joint Appointment Faculty

G. Arndt presented this report

Many prelicensure nursing programs are forming collaborative agreements with service agencies (hospitals) and other entities (Contract Education). The draft statement was developed to assist all collaborators in understanding the regulations related to prelicensure nursing program organizational structure and lines of authority.

MSC: Furillo/Johnson that the Board approve the draft statement as amended. 5/0/0

10.5 Approve/Not Approve: Advisory Statement on Background Checks for Clinical Placement

G. Arndt presented this report

Clinical Agencies are requiring prelicensure students to have a criminal background check performed prior to allowing students to participate in clinical course work in order to meet JCAHO requirements. Directors have asked the Board to provide guidance on meeting this new requirement.

A copy of the advisory statement was provided to the Board for review and, if approved, will be sent to all prelicensure nursing programs to assist them and their clinical agencies in meeting the agency requirements, while at the same time protecting the rights of the student. The document will then be added to the next edition of the Directors Handbook.

Comments: T. Hunter and M. Allen, ANAC

MSC: Furillo/Morales-Board that the Board approve the advisory statement on background checks for clinical placement. 5/0/0

10.6 Information Only: NCLEX Pass Rate Update

K. Daugherty presented this report

The Board of Registered Nursing receives quarterly reports from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) about the NCLEX-RN test results by quarter and with an annual perspective. The following tables show this information for 12 months and by each quarter.

NCLEX RESULTS – FIRST TIME CANDIDATES

April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2005

JURISDICTION	TOTAL TAKING TEST	PERCENT PASSED %
California	6,158	84.32%
United States and Territories	89,254	85.31%

CALIFORNIA NCLEX RESULTS – FIRST TIME CANDIDATES

By Quarters and Year – April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2005

04/01/04- 06/30/04*		07/01/04- 09/30/04*		10/01/04- 12/31/04*^		1/01/05- 3/31/05*		04/01/04- 03/31/05*	
# cand.	% pass	# cand.	% pass	# cand.	% pass	# cand.	% pass	# cand.	% pass
1,069	87.65	2,655	82.98	582	73.54	1,852	87.74	6,158	84.32

*Includes (7), (6), (5) & (6) "re-entry" candidates


^ Maximum examination length for all candidates increased from 5 to 6 hours in this quarter


The Nursing Education Consultants monitor the NCLEX results of their assigned programs. Current procedure provides that after each academic year, if there is substandard performance (below 70% pass rate for first time candidates), the NEC requests that the program director submit a report outlining the program's action plan to address this substandard performance. Should this substandard performance continue in the second academic year, an interim visit is scheduled and a written report is submitted to the Education/Licensing Committee. If there is no improvement in the next quarter, a full approval visit is scheduled within six months. A report is made to the Education /Licensing Committee following the full approval visit.

The Board will continue to monitor results.

11.0 OPEN FORUM

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45a m.


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